

City of Becker
City Council Regular Meeting of February 5th, 2019

The Becker City Council met in regular session at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, February 5th at 12060 Sherburne Ave., Becker. Present: Mayor Tracy Bertram, Council Members Rick Hendrickson, Troy Cox, Mike Doering, and Todd Hanrahan. Guests were in attendance.

1. Mayor Tracy Bertram called the February 5th, 2019 Council Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Minutes from the January 15th, 2019 City Council Meeting were reviewed. Doering / Hanrahan motioned to approve the minutes. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.
4. Hendrickson / Cox motioned to approve the agenda for February 5th, 2019. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.
5. Chief of Police, Brent Baloun, stepped forward to introduce the newest police officers to the City; Officers Wolseth, Hecht, and Lawson. Chief Baloun gave a brief background on each officer. All had been employed with the department for some time and had completed their extensive field training program. City Clerk, Julie Blesi, stepped forward to swear in the new officers. Following the swearing in, the officers were each pinned by a loved one of their choosing. The officers were applauded and welcomed by all in attendance.
6. Mayor Bertram invited guests to speak during the Guest's and Open Forum. Sherburne County Attorney, Kathleen Heaney, stepped forward to give the annual report. Heaney thanked Chief Baloun and the Becker Police Department for their proactive involvement. In 2018 the City of Becker had four cases that required lethality assessments and the Sherburne County Attorney's office opened thirty-two felony cases that arose out of Becker. Of those thirty-two cases, twenty-four were closed. In 2018 the Sherburne County Attorney's office opened twenty-four gross misdemeanor cases and closed nineteen. Sherburne County held the prosecution contract for the City, including misdemeanors, petty misdemeanors and enhanced gross misdemeanors. Under that contract Sherburne County prosecuted one hundred seventy-two misdemeanor cases and thirty-seven petty misdemeanor cases. The Sherburne County Attorney's Office collected the prosecution fees included in those fines which totaled at \$10,003.21.

Heaney also expressed to Council that the Attorney's Office continued to be involved in safe schools including giving presentations on bullying and

cyber bullying. The office had been contacted by the High School to arrange presentations.

Heaney then expressed to Council that caseloads were predominantly related to addiction and mental health and the Attorney's Office would continue to be committed to working with individuals to make a stronger community.

Council inquired about any progression of diversion programs for driving related citations. Heaney responded by stating that there had not been any case law that would change the opinion that had come out of her office.

Council then inquired if case numbers had increased or decreased in the past year. To which Heaney responded that county wide felonies were up by three percent, gross misdemeanors had remained even, and misdemeanor cases had slightly dropped county wide. Council also inquired about the Attorney's office efforts to address domestic abuse. Heaney responded by stating that the attorney's office had an attorney working with the Rivers of Hope Board which was the domestic abuse advocacy agency working in Sherburne and Wright Counties. Council thanked Ms. Heaney for her time.

City Administrator, Greg Pruszinske, introduced Community Development Director, Marie Pflipsen and informed Council that Ms. Pflipsen had been awarded the Emerging Professional of the Year Award from the Economic Development Association of Minnesota. Ms. Pflipsen was applauded by all in attendance.

7. Council reviewed committee meeting and City events.
 - Joint Planning Board performed annual housekeeping including bylaws.
 - Fire Joint Powers Board reviewed the 2018 budget. Calls were up from 444 in 2017 to 489 in 2018.
 - Parks and Recreation reviewed three applications for a new board member and had voted in favor of Mike Abrahamson. A Kolbinger Park Open House would be held on February 9th, and the Faith Lutheran Sweetheart Dinner would be held at the Becker Community Center on February 10th, and the Fat Tire Blitz 3.0 would be held on February 23rd at Pebble Creek Golf Club. The Community Center had installed new mats around the pool, reorganized the facility, and was looking for swim instructors.
 - Planning Commission began discussion on the code review process.
 - Golf Committee reviewed the heating, air conditioning and ventilation installation project. The project was on budget and all furnaces were running. The Championship Course would be renumbered, and new signs would be installed that were in line with the new rebranding. Thirteen weddings had been scheduled for 2019 and staff would continue to work toward its goal of twenty-five for the year. Pebble Creek would cater all the

weddings. Charitable gambling was expected to start by the end of the month.

- Budget and Finance discussed the annual audit. KDV was on site for an initial review, which went well. The Great River Energy facility would no longer be taking trash. This would affect the City due to no more income for the City from ash disposal. The committee also discussed a cash shortage for golf and staff was working on a memo explaining the shortage.
 - Xcel Advisory discussed project updates for the frontage road, Google, and Northern Metal.
 - EDA had presentations on the rail study and child care shortage in Sherburne County. EDA also voted on a new committee member and received an update on the rebranding project which was nearly complete and ready for print.
 - LPI Advisory Board met and discussed the frontage road and were informed of funds that the City had received through grants in 2018.
8. Mayor Bertram opened a Public Hearing for 2019 Fee Schedule at 6:39 pm. City Clerk, Julie Blesi, expressed to Council that when the fee schedule was initially proposed for approval the two percent water and sewer rate increase recommended in the 2016 rate study had not been included. Blesi requested that Council approve Ordinance 211, 2nd Series amending the fee schedule to account for the recommended water and sewer rate increase. With no public comments, Doering / Hanrahan motioned to close the Public Hearing at 6:40 pm. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion. Hendrickson / Doering motioned to approve Ordinance 211, 2nd Series, an Ordinance Revising Section 2.19, Subdivision 1. F. of Chapter 2 in City Code, providing for fees related to charges for service. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried. Hendrickson / Cox motioned to approve Ordinance 211, 2nd Series Summary for Publication. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.
9. City Administrator, Greg Pruszinske, presented the Consent Agenda, consisting of the following:
- Shared Roads Agreement with Becker Township
 - Resolution 19-02: Supporting Utility Valuation Reform
 - Legislative Services Agreement with Lockridge, Grindal, and Nauen (LGN) for 2019
 - EDA Appointment – Kathy Hollenhorst
 - Hiring and Termination Report for Becker Community Center, Finance, and Administration
- Hanrahan / Hendrickson motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.
10. Hanahan / Hendrickson motioned to pay the bills including Checks 88778 through 89059 and Checks 96501 through 96649. All Council Members

present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

11. Mayor Bertram announced the anniversaries.
 - Christine Olin, Accounting Clerk, 2 Years
 - David Rydberg, Police Office, 2 Years
 - Trevor Wolseth, Police Officer, 1 Year
 - Michael Barringer, Water Operator, 19 Years
 - Christopher Kroll, Water / Wastewater Operator, 1 Year
12. Mayor Bertram asked if there was anything else from Council for the betterment of Becker with no response.
13. Hanrahan / Hendrickson motioned to adjourn the February 5, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting at 6:44 pm. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.
14. The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Adam Huesman, Deputy Clerk